

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Iran Nonproliferation Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

**Routine Proceedings, pages S755–S836**

**Measures Introduced:** Eighteen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2089–2106, S. Res. 259–262, and S. Con. Res. 82–84. **Page S799**

#### Measures Passed:

**Iran Nonproliferation Act:** By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 12), Senate passed H.R. 1883, to provide for the application of measures to foreign persons who transfer to Iran certain goods, services, or technology. **Pages S755–57**

**Iran's Parliamentary Elections:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 83, commending the people of Iran for their commitment to the democratic process and positive political reform on occasion of Iran's parliamentary elections. **Pages S832–33**

**Detention of Andrei Babitsky:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 261, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the detention of Andrei Babitsky by the Government of Russian Federation and freedom of the press in Russia. **Pages S833–34**

**Conflict in Chechnya:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 262, entitled the "Peaceful Resolution of the Conflict" in Chechnya. **Pages S834–35**

**Affordable Education Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1134, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts. **Pages S758, S774–75**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, February 29, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. **Pages S774–75**

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Monday, February 28, 2000.

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 13), Kermit Bye, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

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By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 14), George B. Daniels, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Patrick Francis Kennedy, of Illinois, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, vice George Edward Moose.

Nina V. Fedoroff, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2006.

Diana S. Natalicio, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2006.

18 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—14) **Pages S756–58**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11:31 a.m., and adjourned at 6:55 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday,

February 28, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S835.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Transportation, focusing on safety initiatives, after receiving testimony from Vice Adm. James C. Card, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Rosalyn G. Millman, Acting Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Kelley S. Coyner, Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration, and Jolene M. Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, all of the Department of Transportation.

### COLUMBIA SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittees on Foreign Operations, Defense, and Military Construction concluded joint hearings on a proposed supplemental request to assist the Government of Columbia in its counter-narcotics efforts, after receiving testimony from Thomas R. Pickering, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Gen. Charles Wilhelm, Commander in Chief, U.S. Southern Command; Luis A. Moreno, Colombian Ambassador to the United States; Oswaldo Antezana, Bolivia Minister of Agriculture, La Paz; Ramon Jimenez, Ecuador Attorney General, Quito; and Robin Kirk, Human Rights Watch, New York, New York.

### APPROPRIATIONS—COMMERCE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on recruiting and retention practices, after receiving testimony from Alphonso Maldon, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy; Lt. Gen. David H. Ohle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel; Vice Adm. Norbert R. Ryan Jr., USN, Chief of Naval Personnel; Lt. Gen. Jack W. Klimp, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff

for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; Lt. Gen. Donald L. Peterson, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel; Maj. Gen. Evan R. Gaddis, USA, Commander, United States Army Recruiting Command; Rear Adm. Barbara E. McGann, USN, Commander, United States Navy Recruiting Command; Maj. Gen. Garry L. Parks, USMC, Commander, United States Marine Corps Recruiting Command; and Brig. Gen. Peter U. Sutton, USAF, Commander, United States Air Force Recruiting Service.

### HUD COMMUNITY BUILDERS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of HUD's Community Builders' Program, focusing on hiring procedures and practices, after receiving testimony from Senator Bond; Saul Ramirez, Deputy Secretary, D. Michael Beard, District Inspector General for Audit, Southwest District, and Irene H. Facha, Regional Vice President for the Mid-Atlantic, HUD Council of Locals 222, on behalf of the American Federation of Government Employees, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Kathryn Shaw, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, and Jay Johnson, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Johnson was introduced by Senators Kohl and Feingold.

### FUEL PRICES

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings to examine energy supply and demand issues relating to crude oil, heating oil, and transportation fuels in light of recent price escalations, after receiving testimony from John Cook, Petroleum Division Director, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; James R. Schlesinger, Lehman Brothers, and Jerry Jordan, Independent Petroleum Association of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Adam E. Sieminski, Deutsche Bank Alex. Brown, Baltimore, Maryland; Walter B. McCormick, Jr., American Trucking Associations, Alexandria, Virginia; Gordon Regan, AmeriGas Propane, Inc., Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Propane Gas Association; F. William Valentino, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, Albany; and Gary D. Lauderdale, Houston, Texas, on behalf of the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation.